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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-SB08A form, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. The references were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated November 18, 2008 issued in connection with counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-330024.

Copies of the foreign references, an English language abstract for JP '700, and machine translations for JP '546 and '064 are attached as is a copy of the Japanese office action.

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